

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~M~~method for providing service management to network elements of a cellular communication network, said network elements communicating with an Operation and Maintenance Center of said cellular communication network by sending data having a data exchange format, said data ~~exchanged~~exchange format being translated in an Operation and Maintenance Center specific data format at a mediation server, wherein said method comprises ~~the steps of:~~

1.- identifying at said mediation server a change in said used data exchange format from a first data exchange format to a second data exchange format; and

2.- dynamically switching from ~~an old~~said first data exchange format to said ~~new~~second identified data exchange format.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The ~~M~~method according to claim 1, wherein ~~it~~said method further comprises ~~the steps of:~~

1.- representing said second data exchange format as a class in an object oriented programming, ~~of said data exchange format being represented by a class; and~~

2.- dynamically uploading the class using the ~~feature “class dynamic upload”~~ of the Java programming language to switch from ~~an old~~said first data exchange format to ~~a new identified~~said second data exchange format.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~Method~~The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~it~~the method further comprises a step of:

selecting one ~~out~~ of a plurality of mediation servers for handling information from ~~a~~at least one of said network elements according to a predefined load balancing policy.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The M~~method~~ according to claim 1, wherein said data exchanged between at least one of said network elements and said Operation and Maintenance Center ~~(?consist?)~~contains a in new software version download from the Operation and Maintenance Center to said at least one of said network elements.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A M~~mediation server to be used~~ for translating a first data exchange format used by a network element of a cellular communication network to a second data exchange format used by an Operation and Maintenance Center ~~specific data format~~; wherein said mediation server comprises:

1.- means for identifying a change ~~in said used~~from said first data exchange format to said second data exchange format;

2.- means for dynamically switching from ~~an old~~said first data exchange format to said ~~new~~second identified data exchange format.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The Mmediation server according to claim 5,- wherein said means for dynamically switching from ~~an old~~said first data exchange format to said ~~new~~second identified data exchange format ~~further~~ uses the ~~feature~~ “~~class dynamic loading~~” of the Java programming language.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The Mmediation server according to claim 5, wherein ~~it~~the mediation server is a software component part of ~~an~~said Operation and Maintenance Center.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The Mmediation server according to claim 5, wherein ~~it~~the mediation server is a software component on a stand alone device connectable to ~~an~~said Operation and Maintenance Center.